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SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE CANDIDATES IN QUANG TRI

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1. 10 OF ORIGINAL 12 CANDIDATES WERE APPROVED FOR SECOND POSTING ON OCT 1 AND WILL COMPETE FOR QUANG TRI'S 2 SEATS. FOLLOWING ARE CANDIDATES IN ORDER THEY APPEAR:

(1) HOANG PHUNG - REV DAI VIET, CHIEF QUANG TRI ADMIN SERVICE

(2) LE DINH NGOAN - FORMER CHAIRMAN PROVINCE COUNCIL, A

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BUDDHIST AND A STRUGGLER, ORIGINALLY DISQUALIGIED BY LOCAL ELECTION COMMITTEE, WAS REINSTATED BY CEC

(3) NGUYEN LU - VNQDD, BUDDHIST

(4) NGUYEN VAN TRIEN - BUDDHIST

(5) LE DINH KHAM - NATIONAL POLICE SAY HE HAS SERIOUS VC CONNECTIONS BUT CEC RETAINED HIM ON LIST

(6) MRS LE THI NGO - WIFE OF EX-VIS CHIEF IN PROVINCE

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(7) TRUONG DINH TU - CATHOLIC, REV DAI VIET, ARVN LT AND DOCTOR

(8) NGUYEN VAN NHUAN - SECGEN PROVINCAY TAN DAI VIET, CATHOLIC

(9) HO NGOC THANH - YOUTH COMMISSIONER OF PROVINCSEVNQDD CENTRAL COMMITTEE

(10) HOANG HUU NHUAN - ARVN CAPTA D, A DOCTOR

2. THOSE OMITTED WERE:

A. LE TRONG AN - VOLUNTARILY WITHDREW

B. TAN CONG - ARVN OFFICER, FAILED TO GET PERMISSION TO RUN FROM MILITARY

3. REAL CONTEST IN QUANG TRI WILL PROBABLY BE FOUGHT BETWEEN BUDDHISTS AND A REV DAI VIET - CATHOLIC. MOST LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR BUDDHIST SUPPORT ARE TRIEN AND NGOAN. RDV AND CATHOLIC SUPPORT WILL GO TO TU AND TO LESSER EXTENT TO PHUNG. TWO VNQDD

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CANDIDATES LY AND THANH BELONG TO RIVAL FACTIONS SO VNQDD VOTE WILL PROBABLY

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BE NEGOTIABLE FOR ONE CANDIDATE. NGOAN ALSO COULD GET PART OF VNQDD VOTE.

4. AS DEMONSTRATED IN PRESIDENTIAL AND UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS, A SOLID RDV - CATHOLIC VOTE CAN ELECT IN QUANG TRI, EVEN OVER A CONCERTED BUDDHIST EFFORT. AT BEGINNING OF CAMPAIGN TU APPEARS TO BE ALMOST A SURE WINNER. SECOND SEAT LIKELY TO GO TO EITHER NGOAN, TRIEN OR PHUNG. A DARK HORSE IN RACE IS NGUYEN LU. LU IS A BUDDHIST AND APPARENTLY WELL RESPECTED. CATHOLIC LEADER FATHER DO BA AI STATES THAT SOME CATHOLICS WILL VOTE FOR HIM AND HE ALSO STANDS TO GAIN PART OF VNQDD VOTE. IF BUDDHISTS SHOULD DECIDE TO SUPPORT HIM, LU COULD TAKE SECOND SEAT.
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